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Consent for Sterilization OperationMarch 1960

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I. Consent for Sterilization Operation.

Consent is interpreted to mean that the individual for whom sterilization is being considered, the spouse, parents, and/or next of kin, have participated in the casework plan leading to the decision for sterilization. The signing of the consent form, therefore, is an indication of their willingness to have the operation performed.

A. Consent of the individual to be sterilized.

Form No. 6-B, Consent for Operation of Sterilization, should be signed by the individual who is to have the operation of sterilization, unless the individual:

1. Is under 21 years of age;
2. Has been declared mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

B. Consent of Spouse, Parent, Next of Kin, or Guardian.

Form No. 6-A, Consent of Spouse, Parent, Next of Kin, or Guardian, should be signed. The following factors should be taken into consideration:

1. Operation to be performed upon a married individual.

- a. The consent of the spouse should be sought.
- b. If the spouse cannot be located, the consent of the next of kin should be sought. The consent of the relative who is the nearest of kin should be secured. (Nearest of kin would be in the following order: Parent, sibling, grandparent, uncle or aunt).